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Montgomery Drive and Franquette Avenue
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CARRILLO ADOBE

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ADDRESS: Montgomery Drive and Franquette Avenue
OWNER: Catholic Church
OCCUPANT: Ruins
USE: None

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Carrillo Adobe is the oldest building in the Santa Rosa Valley. It was occupied for several years by Senora Carrillo, mother-in-law of General Mariano Vallejo the famous Mexican Commandante of the northern boundry of the Mexican Territory.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The buildings are said to have been originally built about 1829, as the Assistencia de Santa Rosa de Lima, by either Father Fortuni of Mission Solano or Father Amores of San Rafael, on the "South Bank of Santa Rosa Creek". ¹ Tradition says that Father Juan Amores baptised an Indian girl on the banks of the Indian

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Cocoalami Stream at Lucas Point giving her the name of Rosa in honor of St. Rose of Lima, whose feast day it was. The stream was renamed Santa Rosa Creek. Although the baptismal records of Mission San Rafael and San Francisco Solano (Sonoma) are considered intact, the baptism of Rosa is not registered.

General Vallejo, in a letter of 1833 to the Governor, wrote of the Santa Rosa Valley with its "two adobe buildings and a herd of hogs and some neophytes". The Assistencia was abandoned in 1835 when the edict of secularization was put into effect.

Senora Maria Ignacio Lopez de Corrillo, mother of General Mariano Vallejo's wife, moved from San Diego to Sonoma in 1835 upon the death of her husband.¹ She petitioned the Government for a grant of land, and received permission from her son-in-law to occupy two leagues in the center of Santa Rosa Valley. Subsequently in 1841 Rancho Cabeza de Santa Rosa was granted to Senora Carrillo.

After the death of Mrs. Carrillo, Juana (her daughter) became the wife of David Mallagh and continued to live in the family home. When the merchandise firm of Mallagh and MacDonald was formed in 1851, a part of the house was used as a store.² The first Post Office in the vicinity was located in this building.

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The property was purchased by the Late Archbishop Mitty for the building of St. Eugene's Church. Santa Rosa became a Diocese in 1962 and with the installation of the most Reverend Leo T. Maher, as the first Bishop, St. Eugene's became the Cathedral Church and steps were inaugurated to restore the adobe under the direction of Clarence Felciano, AIA, Architect.

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ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL

The existing one-story adobe measures approximately 83 by 21 feet

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surrounded by a ten foot wide open porch on all sides. Columns 9½ feet high at 10 foot centers support a hipped 5 and 12 sloped wood shingled roof. A second adobe building at right angles to the existing building is shown on early pictures.

Walls - The walls are approximately 2'-8" thick, made of adobe blocks 3" x 11" x 20" size with 1" mortar joints.

Stone sills are used at the entrances.

Window Openings - 2 paneled casement shutters in 4 paneled wood reveals.

Door Openings - 4 paneled doors in 6 paneled reveals.

Floors - 1 x 12 plank floors on wood sleepers.

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